



# HICKORY

## City Snippets

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### 2016 Sails Original Music Series

This year's Sails Music Series kicks off on May 6 at 6 p.m. and runs every Friday night during the months of May, June, and September. Pack a picnic or grab some dinner at a local restaurant. There will also be beer and wine for sale inside a designated area. Enjoy a relaxing evening with friends and some great tunes!

The band lineup is diverse and unique. There will be regional, international, and national touring acts representing singer/songwriter, funk, Texas-swing, blues, bluegrass, world, and indie rock music styles; something for everyone!

- Cicada Rhythm
- Dori Freeman
- Big Sandy & His Fly Rite Boys
- Allana Royale
- David Benedict
- Midnight Snack
- Ray Benneville
- The Fretless
- Ari Hest
- Seth Walker
- Quebe Sisters
- Banda Magda
- 6 String Drag



### International Film Festival for Children Monday-Thursday, April 25-28, 2016

Children can learn about cultural diversity at the 4th Annual International Film Festival for Children!

The Hickory International Council and the Footcandle Film Society of Catawba County are presenting the 4th Annual International Film Festival for Children (IFFC) between Monday, April 25 – Thursday April 28, 2016 simultaneously at the S.A.L.T. Block Auditorium, Maiden High School, and Newton-Conover Middle School. The emphasis is on children in 4th – 6th grades.



Join the Blockheads of the SALT Block Foundation  
Saturday, May 7 at 4 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.  
SALT Block North Lawn

Dress to impress and enjoy a live viewing of the Derby on the big screen.

Cash bar, derby games and raffles, entertainment and dancing, best dressed contest

Food by L&L Catering

Tickets before April 15 - \$30

After April 15 - \$40

[www.SaltBlockFoundation.org](http://www.SaltBlockFoundation.org) or call

(828) 324-4906 ext. 304



## HICKORY CITY COUNCIL

May 3 & 17 at 7 p.m.  
Julian G. Whitener  
Municipal Building (City Hall)

Go to [HickoryNC.gov](http://HickoryNC.gov), under  
Government to review  
agendas and minutes for City  
Council meetings.

## Events. Well Crafted.

### HICKORY FARMERS MARKET

Season begins Saturday, April 16  
Downtown Hickory under the Sails  
on the Square  
Wed 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. &  
Sat 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
[www.HickoryFarmersMarket.com](http://www.HickoryFarmersMarket.com)

### GROWING A GREEN FUTURE EARTH DAY/ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

Saturday, April 23  
S.A.L.T. Block  
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Rain date Sunday, April 24

### INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL FOR CHILDREN

April 25 - April 28  
S.A.L.T. Block  
Maiden High School  
Newton-Conover Middle School  
[www.HickoryInternationalCouncil.com](http://www.HickoryInternationalCouncil.com)

### SAILS MUSIC SERIES

Fridays, May 6 - June 24  
Sails on the Square  
6 p.m.  
[www.HickoryEventsCalendar.com](http://www.HickoryEventsCalendar.com)

### DERBY PARTY

Saturday, May 7  
SALT Block North Lawn  
4 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
[www.SaltBlockFoundation.org](http://www.SaltBlockFoundation.org)

### ART CRAWL

Thursday, May 19  
Downtown Hickory  
5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
[www.DowntownHickory.com](http://www.DowntownHickory.com)

### TASTE OF HICKORY

Sunday, May 22  
Location TBD  
4 p.m. - 7 p.m.



The City of Hickory offers a number of housing rehabilitation programs that aim to improve the quality of the local housing stock and make improvements that prevent the displacement of low to moderate income homeowners.



#### Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program

This program provides loans of up to \$20,000 to homeowners whose household income does not exceed 80 percent of the area median income. Funds can be used to bring housing units up to the City's minimum housing code and for accessibility improvements necessary for disabled residents. Examples of eligible repairs include heat system replacement, plumbing repairs, repairs of electrical wiring, and roof repairs.

#### Housing Rehabilitation Deferred Loan Program

This program offers deferred loans of up to \$15,000 for homeowners whose household income does not exceed 50 percent of the area median income. These funds can be used for similar repairs as the Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program, discussed previously.



#### Urgent Repair Program

This program provides forgivable loans to homeowners of up to \$7,200 to households with special needs whose income does not exceed 50 percent of the statewide median income. These funds may be used for urgent repairs or accessibility improvements that are required to avert the displacement of the homeowner.



**EQUAL HOUSING  
OPPORTUNITY**

#### April is Fair Housing Month

The City of Hickory is committed to affirmatively furthering Fair Housing in the community. The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in the sale or rental of housing based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status or handicap. For more information about the Fair Housing Act, you may contact the NC Human Relations Commission by phone at 1-866-324-7474 or visit

## LAWN SPRINKLER & SWIMMING POOL REMINDER

### POOL FILL ADJUSTMENTS

Remember to call at least one business day BEFORE you fill your swimming pool from the ground up so you may receive an adjustment on the sewer charge on your water bill. Our staff MUST read your water meter before and after the pool is filled to insure an accurate volume. Please call Collections at (828) 323-7424 Monday - Friday between 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

### LAWN SPRINKLER METERS

It's spring, and green grass and lawn sprinklers go hand in hand. The City of Hickory must be contacted to activate irrigation meters to avoid the potential for tampering charges being added for meters that are found with consumption that were turned on by an unauthorized person. Also, remember to call Collections at the end of the season to terminate the service and discontinue monthly base charges. To activate a lawn sprinkler meter, call Collections at (828) 323-7424 Monday - Friday between 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.